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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY, N. C.

Officers and Employees of County Board of Health—Sanitary Districts. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 8, 1914.)

SECTION 1. *Health officer, election, duties.*—The health officer of the county of New Hanover shall be the executive officer of the board of health, and shall be required to devote his entire time to the duties of this office. He shall perform for the county of New Hanover the duties prescribed for county health officers as set forth in an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified the 7th day of March, 1911, and by such other laws of the State as are not inconsistent herewith. He shall further perform such duties and be invested with such authority as may be imposed by resolution of the county board of health from time to time. He shall be, and he is herewith, designated as the registrar of deaths for the city and township of Wilmington in accordance with chapter 722, Public Laws of North Carolina, 1909, as amended by the Public Laws of 1911. He shall collect and record such vital statistics as are required by the Public Laws of 1913. He shall duly notify the secretary of the State board of health of his election, and shall make reports and answer such inquiries concerning the sanitary condition of the county, diseases prevalent, vital statistics, etc., as may be required by the local board of health.

It shall be the duty of the county health officer to make such recommendations to the county board of health for the promotion and preservation of the health interests of the county as in his judgment may be necessary. He shall file and keep for reference all reports, complaints, or other data relating to the business of the said board of health or of his own office. He shall keep in his office in a properly indexed record a complete record of all vital statistics and a record of the occurrence and prevalence of all the communicable diseases occurring within the county of New Hanover in such a manner that the time of occurrence, the duration of the disease, the geographic distribution, and such other data as may be necessary for the study of epidemic conditions shall be fully and completely set forth. He shall make or cause to be made examination into all complaints affecting health or sanitary conditions. He shall keep a record of all violations of the health laws reported by health officers, sanitary police, health inspectors, or citizens, and cause prompt notice to be sent to the party offending, or to the owner, agent, or occupant of any premises reported where such notice is required or necessary.

SEC. 2. *Health officer, assistant, election, duties.*—The county board of health shall on the second Monday in January of the odd years as set forth in an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified the 7th day of March, 1911, elect some licensed physician who shall be known and designated as the assistant health officer. He shall perform such duties as may be provided for such office under the regu-

lations of the county board of health, and such as may be required of him by the health officer of the county. He shall be designated as quarantine officer for the county of New Hanover and shall be clothed with all necessary authority therefor. He shall assist the county health officer in his administrative duties and in the inspection of the public institutions of the county and the schools of the county, at such times as he may be directed so to do by the county board of health or the county health officer. He shall be required to give his entire time to the duties of his office if deemed necessary, and shall be paid such salary as may be duly fixed by the county board of health. In the absence of the county health officer from the county, or during his disability the assistant health officer shall perform the duties of the county health officer and shall be clothed with the same authority.

SEC. 3. *Director of the laboratory, election, duties.*—At the biannual election of officers of the health department the county board of health shall elect a director of the laboratory. The person so elected shall be one trained and skilled in chemical and bacteriological technique and shall present satisfactory evidence that he or she is capable of making all tests and examinations necessary to establish the bacteriological and chemical purity of waters, beverages, and foodstuffs and to determine accurately the presence of recognizable and demonstrable pathogenetic organisms in any specimen by the use of approved methods of cultivation and examination. The said director of the laboratory shall have charge of the laboratory and of all work of investigation conducted therein. He shall have charge of the operation of the purification processes for the public water supplies in the county, and do such additional laboratory work and make such reports of such work as he may from time to time be directed to do either by the board of health or the county health officer. He shall be paid such salary as may be duly fixed by the board of health, and shall serve for a period of two years unless sooner removed by said board.

SEC. 4. *Sanitary engineer, election, duties.*—At the biannual election of officers of the health department there shall be elected by the board of health a sanitary engineer to the board of health. Such person so elected shall be skilled in the theory and practice of plumbing and house drainage, and in the construction and maintenance of sanitary sewers and the apparatus for the purification and disposal of sewerage, and the construction and maintenance of water purification, storage, and distribution plants. Said sanitary engineer shall also be competent to supervise the lighting, heating, and ventilation of public buildings, and he shall have supervision under the direction of the board of health of all public buildings and institutions with reference to lighting, heating, ventilation, and drainage, and shall have sanitary supervision over all sewage and water systems within the county of New Hanover. At the discretion of the board of health he shall perform the duties of the plumbing inspector, and he shall perform such further work consistent with his position and make such reports as may from time to time be required of him by the board of health or the county health officer. He shall serve for a term of two years unless sooner removed by the board of health, and shall be paid such salary as may be duly fixed by the said board of health.

SEC. 5. *Meat and milk inspector, election, duties.*—The board of health shall, at the time specified by statute for the election of the county health officer, elect a meat and milk inspector, who shall serve during the time of office of the county health officer unless sooner removed. He shall be a person skilled in the examination of meats, cattle, and milk; and such inspector shall be paid such salary and fees as may be provided by the board of health.

It shall be the duty of the meat and milk inspector to inspect the dairies within the county of New Hanover and its jurisdiction, to examine their herds, and to inspect the milk that is offered for sale in the county; to examine meat sold or offered for sale in the county, and all places in which meat or milk or meat and milk products are stored, handled, packed, sold, or prepared for sale, and all places where animals are

slaughtered for food within the county of New Hanover; and he shall perform such other duties as the board of health or the county health officer may require, in carrying out the provisions of any regulations relating to dairies, the sale of milk, or the examination of meats or animals and fowls slaughtered for human consumption.

SEC. 6. *Plumbing inspector, election, duties.*—There shall be elected by the board of health on the second Monday in January of the odd year as provided by statute for the election of the county health officer and other officers of the health department, an inspector of plumbing and drainage who shall hold office for the two succeeding years, unless sooner removed, and who shall receive such compensation as may be duly fixed by the board of health. He shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath before some magistrate or person qualified to administer such oath, for the faithful discharge of his duties. The said inspector shall be a person skilled in experience in the operation, construction, planning, and maintenance of plumbing and house drainage. He shall not engage in the occupation of plumbing and house drainage, while holding office, or be interested directly or indirectly with any person or with any firm, association, or partnership engaged in any such work, during his term of office. Acting in accordance with the provisions of these and such other regulations as may be duly provided, it shall be his duty to examine all applications for connection to all sewers, and the installation of all plumbing and house drainage within the county. He shall inspect all houses in course of construction, alteration, or repair, as often as may be necessary, and shall see that all plumbing, drainage, and sewerage work thereof is done in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in force.

The inspector of plumbing and drainage shall issue permits and inspect all plumbing in the county, keeping careful records of all transactions of his office, including all applications received and permits and certificates issued, as are required in these regulations, and he shall make monthly reports to the county health officer of the work of the previous month. He shall report monthly to the superintendent of water-works and sewers of the city of Wilmington, or of any other municipality in the county of New Hanover as the case may be, all installations of plumbing therein made, and to the county health officer all violations of these regulations. He shall have fixed and published office hours at the health department of at least one hour daily, during which to receive applications for inspection tests and to issue permits for plumbing and drainage.

SEC. 7. *Sanitary police, chief and privates, election, duties.*—The county sanitary police hereinbefore referred to shall be organized as the county board of health may from time to time provide, and shall, or may, consist of a chief and such subordinates as the county board of health shall provide. Such sanitary police shall be under the immediate supervision of the county health officer and subject to such duties as he may assign them. They shall be vested with authority in enforcing regulations affecting unsanitary conditions within the county, and all regulations in reference to and affecting public health. They shall as often as shall be necessary or as directed by the county health officer, visit and inspect the conditions of the districts severally assigned them and shall severally make note and report in writing to the said county health officer the condition of their several districts and any and all violations of health and sanitary laws, orders, rules and regulations thereon made or ratified by the county board of health, or health laws of the State of North Carolina, and they shall serve such legal notices and perform such other duties as the board of health or the county health officer may direct or provide therefor or as may be required by law. The sanitary police shall be appointed by the board of health upon recommendation by the county health officer and their term of office shall be subject to the will of the board of health. They shall receive such compensation as the board of health may from time to time duly provide. For misconduct or failure to perform

duty, disobedience of orders, or where the good of the service requires it, they may severally be peremptorily suspended or discharged by the county health officer.

SEC. 8. *Sanitary districts.*—The county of New Hanover and the city of Wilmington shall be divided by the county health officer into such sanitary districts as may be deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the county board of health, and there shall be assigned to each district one of the county sanitary police appointed by the board of health: *Provided*, The said county health officer shall have the power and authority to transfer from one district to another any such sanitary police officer so appointed by the county board of health as in his judgment may seem best.

Nuisances. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 8, 1914.)

SEC. 9. *Nuisances defined.*—Whatever is dangerous to human life or health; whatever renders the air, or food, or water, or other drink unwholesome; whatever building, erection, structure, or cellar or part thereof is overcrowded or not provided with adequate means of ingress or egress, or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, drained, cleaned, or lighted; all ponds of stagnant water; all cellars and foundations of houses whose bottoms contain stagnant and putrid water; all dead and putrified animals lying about the roadways, lanes, streets, alleys, docks, vacant lots, or yards, or upon the surface of the ground within the county; all privies, except water-closets properly maintained and connected with a sanitary sewer, without proper receptacles thereunder (which shall be water proof and tight for collecting deposits), or which are unscreened against flies, or which are within 40 feet of any occupied house or dwelling or part thereof or which are maintained in violation of health measures; all installations of plumbing that are illegal or unsanitary; all choked sewers and house drains; all slaughter houses within the city of Wilmington, or where outside of said city which are not erected and maintained as hereinafter provided; all docks, the bottoms of which are alternately wet and dry by the ebbing and flowing of the tide; all accumulations of vegetable and animal substances undergoing putrefactive fermentation; all pig pens, horse stables, and cow stables within the city of Wilmington and the village of Wrightsville Beach, except as otherwise provided for in these regulations; all wells and cisterns from which water for drinking and other domestic purposes may be obtained which shall show on three successive examinations the evidence of pollution, are declared to be nuisances; and every person, firm, or corporation aiding in creating or contributing to the same or who support, continue, or retain any of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this regulation and shall also be liable for the expense of the abatement and remedy therefor.

Garbage, Refuse, and Offal—Disposal of. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 8, 1914.)

SEC. 10. *Excreta, carrion, waste, disposal of.*—It shall be unlawful to place, pour, throw, deposit, or convey by drain or gutter into or upon any street, alley, wharf, or other public place, or into or upon any yard or premises, or to bury beneath the surface of the soil within the limits of the county of New Hanover any dead animal, carcass, human body, or part thereof, carrion, offal, human excrement, filth, putrid or decaying animal matter, or other substance or matter offensive to the smell or injurious to health without first obtaining from the board of health written permission so to do, the location to be specified in such permission: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the proper burial of dead persons in any cemetery properly set apart for such purpose. Any violation of this section, and every person, firm, or corporation inducing, causing, suffering, or otherwise aiding or abetting any such violation shall be subject to a penalty of \$50 for each and every such offense.

SEC. 11. *Garbage, swill, receptacles, disposal of.*—No house refuse, swill, slops, decaying vegetable matter, or organic waste substance of any kind shall be thrown from any window or be otherwise deposited on or in any lot, street, ditch, gutter, or other public